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Comments: The Blue Mountains and surrounding forests are a major part of my family's life and our community here in Summerville. My husband and I ride side-by-sides and four wheelers, fish, and hike in these forests, and we value being able to get out all year. We moved here for the access to the mountains, and we plan to stay for good. It is important to us to have access to all the public forest land in this area, including Union, Umatilla, Baker, and Wallowa counties. This includes the Blues and Eagle Caps, which are central to how we live and spend time. The final Forest Plan must protect and maintain the motorized access we have now, and restore access where it has already been reduced. This is essential for everyday recreation, family traditions, and for people who may be older, disabled, or less mobile. The plan must also make sure that working uses like grazing, timber, and road work are realistic and supported by access that can actually be used on the ground. I expect the Forest Service to be fully transparent about how the plan was shaped, who was involved, what information was used, and how public input was handled. The analysis must include the real impacts on household use, rural communities, and local economies. Direction for old growth and large trees needs to be clear about how it will affect forest health, treatments, and access, and must allow for the active management needed to keep these forests healthy. Finally, the plan must support fuels reduction, active management, dependable emergency access, and strong fire response. For all these reasons. I am asking the Forest Service to protect current motorized access and restore lost access before finalizing the plan.